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MARY WASHINGTON

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*Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall  
University of Mary Washington  
Fredericksburg, Virginia*

*Friday, the Twelfth of May  
Two Thousand and Seventeen*

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## ACADEMIC DEANS



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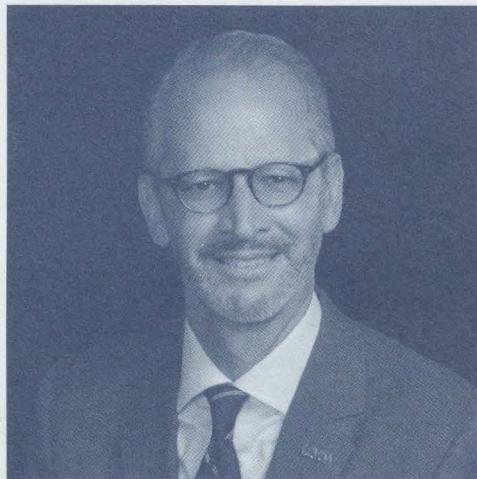
## COMMENCEMENT MARSHALS



Porter R. Blakemore .....	Grand Marshal
Janine S. Davis, Woodrow D. Richardson .....	Faculty Marshals for the Degree Candidates

On the platform this evening are the president of the University of Mary Washington, members of the Board of Visitors, the president's Cabinet, the grand marshal of the faculty, the president of the Alumni Association, and the deans of the colleges.

# A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT PAINO



Dear Mary Washington graduates,

Congratulations! This is a great day of celebration – for you, for your family and friends, and for the entire Mary Washington community. I commend you for your hard work and dedication that have led to this important occasion, your commencement.

When I chose to come to UMW, I knew that this was a very special place. Now that I have been here for nearly a year, I have come to appreciate it all the more. Not only is Mary Washington a place of academic rigor and commitment to excellence in all that we do, it also is a place where people truly matter as individuals and where people genuinely care about one another. It is that sense of community that sets us apart and that will live within you for years to come.

The Mary Washington story is your story. What you have achieved here, the relationships you have forged with your faculty and with your fellow students, will forever be woven into the fabric of Mary Washington. And the values of honor, integrity, and citizenship that you have practiced here will serve as a foundation for the remainder of your life. Go forward with pride and with the knowledge that you are well prepared for all of life's challenges and opportunities.

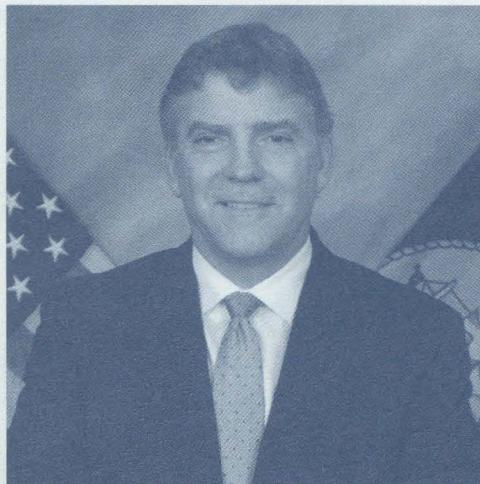
I extend my personal best wishes to you for success in all of your future endeavors. I encourage you always to remain close to your Mary Washington family and to return here often.

Sincerely,

Troy D. Paino, J.D., Ph.D.  
President

# COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

## JOHN D. BURROW



John Burrow is deputy assistant secretary of the Navy, responsible for research, development, testing, and evaluation. He oversees science, technology, and prototyping efforts across more than 15 naval warfare centers, including more than 25,000 scientists and engineers. He is the principal architect of the department's initiatives to accelerate fielding of advanced technologies and war fighting capabilities.

Author and co-author of numerous publications, Burrow has taught at the University of Mary Washington, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Naval Postgraduate School, and the University of Mississippi. He earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics from the University of Mississippi, a master's degree in public administration from Virginia Tech, and a Ph.D. in management from the University of Maryland University College.

Burrow received the Senior Executive Service Presidential Rank Award in 2015, the Navy's Distinguished Civilian Service Award, and the department's Commendation for Superior Civilian Service in 2014.

# COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

*President Troy D. Paino presiding*

*Friday evening, seven thirty, Dodd Auditorium, George Washington Hall*



## PROCESSIONAL

*Pomp and Circumstance*..... By Edward Elgar

## ACADEMIC PROCESSION

The Faculty Marshals for the Candidates for Master's Degrees

The Candidates for Master's Degrees

The Members of the Faculty and Administration

The Eagle Pipe Band

The President's Cabinet

The President of the Alumni Association

The Visitors of the University

The Commencement Speaker

The Rector of the University

The Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences

The Dean of the College of Business

The Interim Dean of the College of Education

The Acting Provost

The Grand Marshal

The President of the University

CONVENING OF THE CEREMONY.....Porter R. Blakemore  
Grand Marshal

NATIONAL ANTHEM.....Sung by Abraham Shaikh '19

WELCOME .....Nina Mikhalevsky  
Acting Provost

INTRODUCTION OF THE PRESIDENT .....Acting Provost Mikhalevsky

REMARKS AND INTRODUCTION OF THE RECTOR .....Troy D. Paino  
President

GREETINGS .....Fred M. Rankin III  
Rector

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER .....President Paino

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS.....John D. Burrow

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE GRADUATE FACULTY AWARD ..... Acting Provost Mikhalevsky

**GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Presentation of the Candidates for Master's Degrees.....Richard Finkelstein  
Dean, College of Arts and Sciences  
Conferring of the Degrees .....President Paino

Presentation of the Candidates for Master's Degrees..... Lynne D. Richardson  
Dean, College of Business  
Conferring of the Degrees .....President Paino

Presentation of the Candidates for Master's Degrees..... Marie P. Scheckels  
Interim Dean, College of Education  
Conferring of the Degrees .....President Paino

**SALUTATION**.....Angela J. Mills '01  
President, Alumni Association

**CLOSING OF THE CEREMONY** .....Grand Marshal Blakemore

**ALMA MATER**

*High on Marye's Hilltop* .....Jean Crotty '47 and Irene Taylor '47  
Arranged by David J. Long, UMW Composer-in-Residence  
Sung by Abigail M. Seymour '17

**RECESSATIONAL**

*Triumphal March from Aida* .....By Giuseppe Verdi



# CANDIDATES FOR DEGREES

*as of April 17, 2017*

*+ Graduating in absentia*



## COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN GEOSPATIAL ANALYSIS

Colin Erofei Chadduck.....	Alexandria, Virginia
Nathan Seaman Dawes .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Richard Guy Lafleur .....	Ruther Glen, Virginia
Paul V. Rabatin .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Clare A. Rodenberg .....	Delaplane, Virginia

## COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

### MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Bernard Adjete Adjei.....	Teshie, Ghana
Michele L. Anderson .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Sana Baig .....	Stafford, Virginia
John Justin Barcas.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Justin T. Bishop + .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Lorrie Renee Brandt .....	King George, Virginia
Joel Matthew Carter .....	Danville, Virginia
Patrick Chu .....	Centreville, Virginia
William Hammond Dicks + .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kevin F. Duong.....	Newport News, Virginia
Brooke A. Fowler + .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Penny Winslow Graninger +.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Brandon James Guzman .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Edward Alvin Hamilton Jr. .....	Woodbridge, Virginia
Heather Leigh Harper + .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Tucker Ryan Holt .....	Warrenton, Virginia
Tessa A. Howard .....	Stoystown, Pennsylvania
Taylor Reed Johnson .....	Asburn, Virginia
Jason Andrew Ketterer .....	Culpeper, Virginia
Jared C. Kline + .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Thomas Christopher Magrino .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Maria Kay Maxwell .....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Edward Kwadwo Opoku-Nyamekye.....	Chester, Virginia
Holly Jean Pelletier .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED)

Michael Scott Robinson +.....	Alexandria, Virginia
Muhammad Imran Siddique .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Cristin Kent Williams.....	Rutherford Glen, Virginia
Joanne Lisa Williams .....	Stafford, Virginia

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Harsha Chheda.....	Ashburn, Virginia
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## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION/MASTER OF SCIENCE IN MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Ezem O. Ajero .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Edward Ronald Williams .....	Stafford, Virginia

## COLLEGE OF EDUCATION MASTER OF EDUCATION

Frema Addae-Mensah .....	Woodbridge, Virginia
Dorothy Albano .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Michelle I. Anderson .....	Dumfries, Virginia
Claire Jordan Ashur.....	Vienna, Virginia
Stefannie Maria Asselanis .....	Richmond, Virginia
Ashley Ajaj Ayash .....	Warrenton, Virginia
Lindsey Holladay Aylor.....	Culpeper, Virginia
Hasina Sirina Banscher.....	Stafford, Virginia
Susan Bagshaw Benhase.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kaitlyn R. Berube.....	Locust Grove, Virginia
Jacob R. Black .....	Charles City, Virginia
Haley M. Breskin .....	Vienna, Virginia
Emily Broton.....	Stafford, Virginia
Rachel N. Buchanan .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Courtney Rene Carbaugh.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Maria Fabiola Carino .....	Stafford, Virginia
Sarah Katherine Carr .....	Richmond, Virginia
Amelia N. Clark .....	Flint Hill, Virginia
Austin N. Clay .....	Stafford, Virginia
Courtney Lynn Collier .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Susan M. Cropp.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Alexandra D. Darnell .....	Lovettsville, Virginia
Katherine E. Deskins.....	Tazewell, Virginia

## MASTER OF EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Katie Lynn Devlin.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Autumn F. Dillion.....	Stafford, Virginia
Carley Lohr Dotson.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Alysa J. Drummond.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Corey Alan Dyke.....	Winchester, Virginia
Jason J. Ellington.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Miranda Ellis.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Samantha Brittany Emmons.....	North Tonawanda, New York
Sarah Grace Etherton.....	McLean, Virginia
Elizabeth Kathryn Etz.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Keila Alysha Figueroa-Diaz.....	Bristow, Virginia
Sean Edward Fredericks.....	Arlington, Virginia
Michelle Friedland-Vasquez.....	Stafford, Virginia
Angela Marie Fritz.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Martha Cordelia Fuechsel.....	Warrenton, Virginia
Maria Del Carmen Garcia.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Rachel M. Gerassimakis.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Anne M. Glencer.....	Stafford, Virginia
Katherine M. Henion.....	Stafford, Virginia
Latrice S. Hobson.....	Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Karlin S. Hoffman.....	Stafford, Virginia
Thomas Sixten Hogdahl.....	Stafford, Virginia
Jennifer Marie Hoskins.....	Warrenton, Virginia
Alisa Faye Hughes.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Salena Briana Jason.....	Northbrook, Illinois
Kelly N. Jenkins.....	Locust Grove, Virginia
Nicholas J. Kennedy.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Caitlin Tennyson Kick.....	Leesburg, Virginia
Raynelle Burcalow Lanier.....	Stafford, Virginia
Stephanie Whitley Lee.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kathleen M. MacIndoe.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Elizabeth Anne McMullen.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Lauren Marie Memmer.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Shannon Alyse Merryman.....	Daleville, Virginia
Chelsea Anne Miller.....	Woodbridge, Virginia
Madeline Langston Miller.....	Yorktown, Virginia
Erin O'Brien Moller.....	Gainesville, Virginia
Ciara Elizabeth Morton.....	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Christopher G. Mouser.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia

## MASTER OF EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Stewart L. Muztafago +	Warrenton, Virginia
Jennifer Lauren Neff	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Heather A. Norris	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Christopher George Oxenford	Arlington, Virginia
Sarah Elizabeth Pacheco	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Katelyn Lee Pauls	Williamsburg, Virginia
E. Wayne Perry	Locust Grove, Virginia
Kristen Elyse Poland	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Phuong Do Powell	Muskogee, Oklahoma
Bethany C. Quintana	Stafford, Virginia
Meredith Jaye Reed	Purcellville, Virginia
Stephanie Lynne Rodgers	Warrenton, Virginia
Lauren Marie-Ashby Seal	Orange, Virginia
Abigail M. Seymour	Moneta, Virginia
Krista L. Shellenberger	Stafford, Virginia
Jennifer A. Smith +	Lake Ridge, Virginia
Amy K. Rohmann Snyder +	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Jamie Lynn Sotzing	Ruther Glen, Virginia
Tawnya Felicia Spann	Stafford, Virginia
Mercia Jeung-Hyang Spicer	Reston, Virginia
Tiffany L. St. Clair	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Benjamin Wade Stewart	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Michelle Suzanne Reaves Taylor	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Amanda Tenanty	Ranson, West Virginia
Daniel R. Turner	Montclair, Virginia
Lauren M. Vance	Stafford, Virginia
Stephen Joseph Ventura	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Erin Christine Waters	Richmond, Virginia
Daniel Jacob Webb	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Heidi E. Westervelt +	Damascus, Maryland
Nimeshi S. Wickramatillake +	Manassas, Virginia
Elizabeth E. Wright	Massapequa Park, New York
Stephanie M. Wunce	Ruther Glen, Virginia

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Dana Marie Baumgartner	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Logan Michael Bern	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Sara Ann Crisafulli	Spotsylvania, Virginia
Anna E. DeMarr	Springfield, Virginia

## MASTER OF SCIENCE IN ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Jenna T. DiGiacomo .....	Stafford, Virginia
Abigail Suzanne Fleming.....	Annandale, Virginia
Kaitlin M. Gates .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kelly Grace Gearhart.....	Vienna, Virginia
Courtney F. Guengerich.....	Herndon, Virginia
Alexis B. Hayden.....	Lancaster, Virginia
Ashley Sara Ireland.....	Mechanicsville, Virginia
Elizabeth Bailey Ivancic.....	Haymarket, Virginia
Ashley Nicole Jenkins.....	Dumfries, Virginia
Savannah Olivia Christine Kelley .....	Stafford, Virginia
Stephanie Ann Kemether.....	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Keriann Marie Ketterman + .....	Haywood, Virginia
Allison T. Leibowitz.....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Courtney E. Lyons .....	Stafford, Virginia
Kelly Nicole MacRitchie.....	Annandale, Virginia
Mickinley S. Nault .....	Shrewsbury, Massachusetts
Lindsay Michaela Shortt .....	Fredericksburg, Virginia
Kevin James Tertocha.....	Manassas, Virginia
Paige Megan Thumel .....	Severna Park, Maryland
Brooke D. Tyrrell.....	Horseheads, New York
Kayla vanWerkhoven.....	Virginia Beach, Virginia
Jessica N. Williams .....	Sterling, Virginia
Claire Marie Zhang .....	Leesburg, Virginia

# KAPPA DELTA PI



An international honor society in education, Kappa Delta Pi elects to membership those who exhibit outstanding scholarship and a commitment to the teaching profession and to excellence in education. The University of Mary Washington chapter, Nu Xi, was chartered in 1975. These members may choose to wear purple and green honor cords.

Sara Ann Crisafulli  
Abigail Suzanne Fleming  
Karlin S. Hoffman  
Ashley Sara Ireland

Ashley Nicole Jenkins  
Abigail M. Seymour  
Mercia Jeung-Hyang Spicer  
Paige Megan Thumel

## SIGMA BETA DELTA



An international honor society, Sigma Beta Delta recognizes superior records of graduate and undergraduate students in regionally accredited business programs. The University of Mary Washington Sigma Beta Delta Chapter was chartered in 1997.

John Justin Barcas  
Thomas Christopher Magrino

## GRADUATE EXCELLENCE AWARDS



### **COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES**

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#### **Outstanding Student in Master of Science in Geospatial Analysis**

Nathan Seaman Dawes

### **COLLEGE OF BUSINESS**

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#### **Outstanding Student in Master of Business Administration**

Michele L. Anderson

### **COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

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#### **Barbara Bishop Mann '66 Virginia Educator Award**

Allison T. Leibowitz

#### **Delta Kappa Gamma Society International Virginia Scholars Award: Initial Licensure Award**

Kathleen M. MacIndoe  
Jennifer Marie Hoskins

## ACADEMIC CUSTOMS AND DRESS



The origins of many customs of the academic world can be traced to the Middle Ages, particularly the 11th and 12th centuries, when the first European universities – Bologna, Paris, and Oxford – were founded.

In their original organization, the universities were like medieval corporations or guilds. In fact, the word “universitas” originally referred to any kind of corporation. The students at the universities were equated to guild apprentices, so the completion of the apprenticeship was celebrated by a “commencement” marking the beginning of their careers.

In the 12th century, everyone wore gowns. The social and economic status of an individual was shown by the extra features, such as fur trimming, on the gowns. Cloaks with hoods were worn over gowns for protection in bad weather. Degrees began to be awarded in the 13th century, and different styles of gowns and different colors came to represent the various degrees and disciplines.

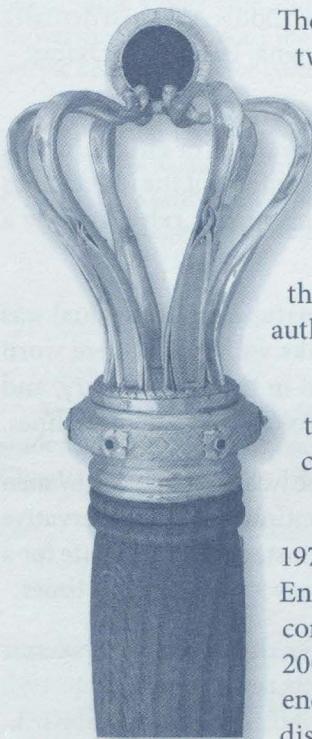
Over the centuries the styles of dress changed, and by the 17th century the wearing of gowns by men had virtually ceased. But the universities, particularly those in Britain, continued to be conservative and strict in the manner of academic customs and dress. At Oxford, for instance, a candidate for a master’s degree had to swear that he owned a gown and would always wear it at the proper times.

The first American universities were founded on English models. However, the wearing of academic dress was not universal and ceased during the Civil War. The custom was revived in the late 19th century, and in 1895 an academic custom code was adopted that, with modifications, is still used.

Most American universities have the standard black gown with the hood serving to distinguish the individual institution. Some American and European universities have adopted or preserved more distinctive gowns. There are three styles of gowns, distinguished mainly by the sleeves: the bachelor’s gown, with long pointed sleeves; the master’s, with a squared sleeve, cut so the forearm is free; and the doctoral gown, with bell-shaped sleeves with three velvet bands.

The hood is the most distinguishing feature of modern gowns, indicating the degree (the width of the edging band), the discipline (the color of the band), and the college or university (the colors of the lining). Today’s graduates have hoods edged in gold (M.S. in geospatial analysis), drab (MBA), or light blue (M.Ed., M.S.). Many faculty members will have blue edging indicating the doctoral degree. The faculty will be wearing hoods representing many distinguished institutions of higher education, such as royal blue for Georgetown University, maroon for the University of Chicago, crimson and gray for the University of Alabama, and red for the University of Maryland.

# THE ACADEMIC MACE



The tradition of the academic mace began in the late 14th century, when two ancient instruments, the royal scepter and the battle mace, were combined to form a symbol of the authority of the president or rector of a university. Noblemen carried the battle mace as both a weapon and staff of command, and the sovereign used the regal scepter as a sign of rulership, justice, and authority.

Together with the chain of office, the academic mace indicates that the president of the university is the temporary embodiment of the power, authority, autonomy, and sovereignty vested in the institution represented.

At the University of Mary Washington, the grand marshal carries the academic mace on behalf of the president at academic events such as commencement exercises, inaugurations, and convocations.

The original University of Mary Washington mace, first used for the May 1970 Commencement, was designed by Asprey and Company of London, England. The sterling mace carried in today's commencement ceremony was commissioned as a special project of the University Centennial Celebration in 2008. It was designed by Suzannah Wagner Merritt of Ashland, Va. The mace encompasses numerous symbols of the University, including lapis stones to display the school color; blossoms of dogwood to honor the Virginia state tree; acorns and oak leaves to recall the historic tree at Brompton, home of the UMW president; and a herringbone motif representing Campus Walk. The six prongs are engraved with the six names of the school prior to its becoming a university in 2004; the prongs are adorned with a lapis disc engraved with the University seal. The handle is emblematic of the original Mary Washington mace.

## THE UNIVERSITY SEAL



In addition to a book and lamp, signifying knowledge, the University seal denotes the year the institution was founded, 1908, and the University motto, *Pro Deo Domo Patria*, translated from Latin to "For God, home, and country."



## PRESIDENTIAL COLLAR



Chains of office, also known as collars, originated in the Middle Ages and are worn today by presidents on ceremonial occasions as part of their regalia. The University of Mary Washington chain is a unique design crafted from gold plated sterling silver with lapis lazuli gem accents. Symbols important to the history of the University are incorporated in elements of the chain. A large medallion, depicting the University seal, is flanked by white oak leaves symbolic of the historic oak tree at Brompton. The names of the presidents of the institution, along with their dates of service, are engraved on links that are connected with blossoms of dogwood, the Virginia state tree. The chain was unveiled during the University of Mary Washington Commencement in 2006, and it is presented to each new president to wear during ceremonial occasions.

## THE EAGLE PIPE BAND



As has become tradition, the UMW Eagle Pipe Band will perform at today's commencement ceremony.

The band was formed in 1997 with a small number of Mary Washington students and members of the Fredericksburg Community. Over the years a number of students have learned piping, drumming, or dancing skills through participation in this group. The band has been a top contender in pipe band competitions across the East Coast.

The Eagle Pipe Band was founded by Raymond B. Scott, University of Mary Washington professor of chemistry, and is under his direction. The tartan worn by the musicians was designed for the University to match the school colors and is registered in Scotland's official registry of tartans.

## NOTES





## *Alma Mater*

All hail, dear Alma Mater,  
We sing our praise to you.  
High on Marye's Hilltop  
You stand forever true;  
Born in truth and honor  
You ever more shall be,  
The model of our future years  
And all eternity.

Whene'er we have to leave you  
We never will forget,  
The lessons you have taught us,  
And all the friends we've met;  
And we your sons and daughters  
Will hold your name on high,  
So here's to Mary Washington;  
Our love will never die.

– Irene Taylor '47  
– Jean Crotty '47



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